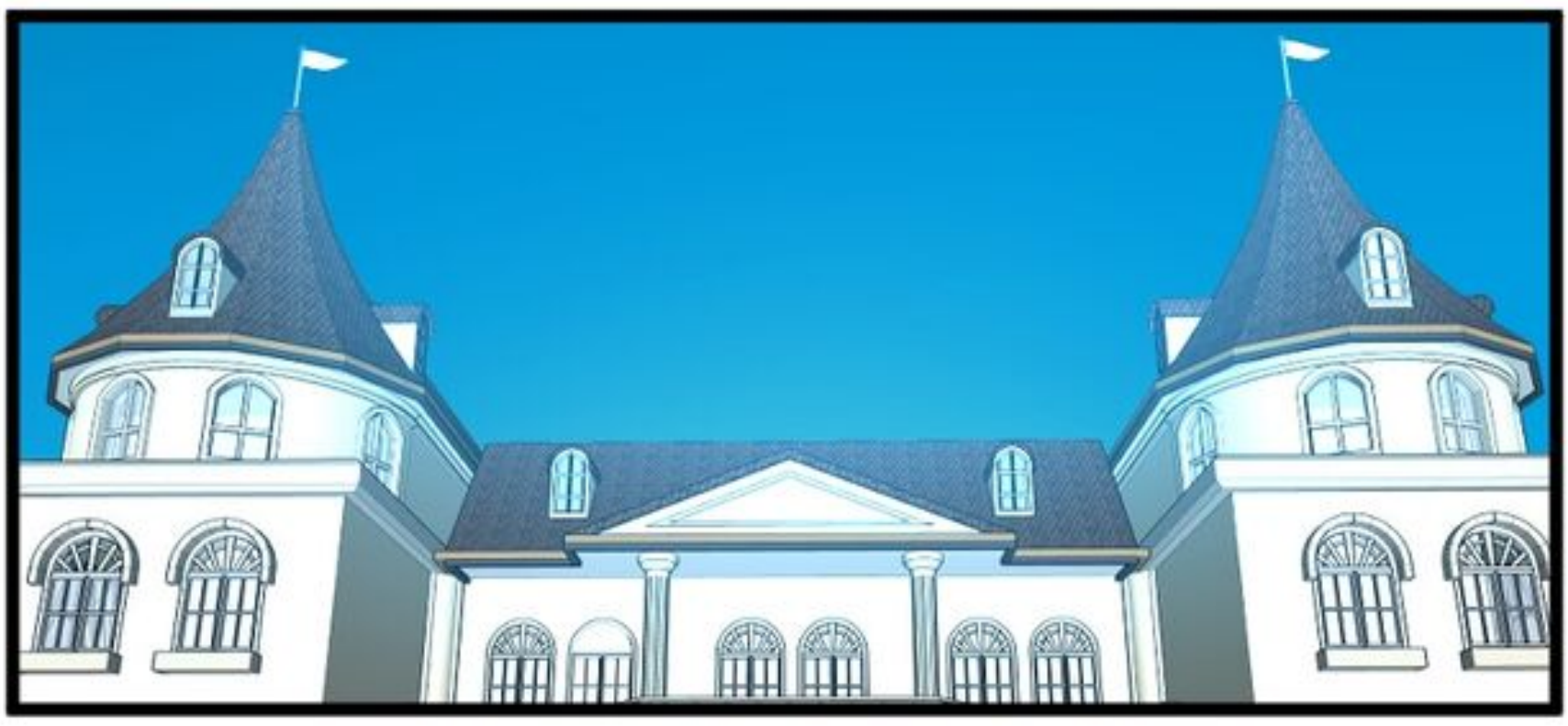

HAHA

I'M UP, SYLVIE!

STEVE! YOU'RE EXCITED, AREN'T YOU?

KYU!

I WONDER ...

HOW TESS IS-DOING?

SNIFF!

LOOKS LIKE I'M NOT THE ONLY ONE TAKING A SHOWER TODAY.

KYUU!!

COME ON. IT WASN'T THAT BAD.
GYUU~

KNOCK
KNOCK
COMING!

WELL HELLO THERE, ELLIE.
G-G'MORNING, BRUHDER. MAMA SAID...WAKE YOU UP.

I SEE...

THEN CAN ELLIE TAKE US DOWN TO SEE MAMA?

KAY! WE EAT BWEAKFAST, THEN GO SHUPPING!

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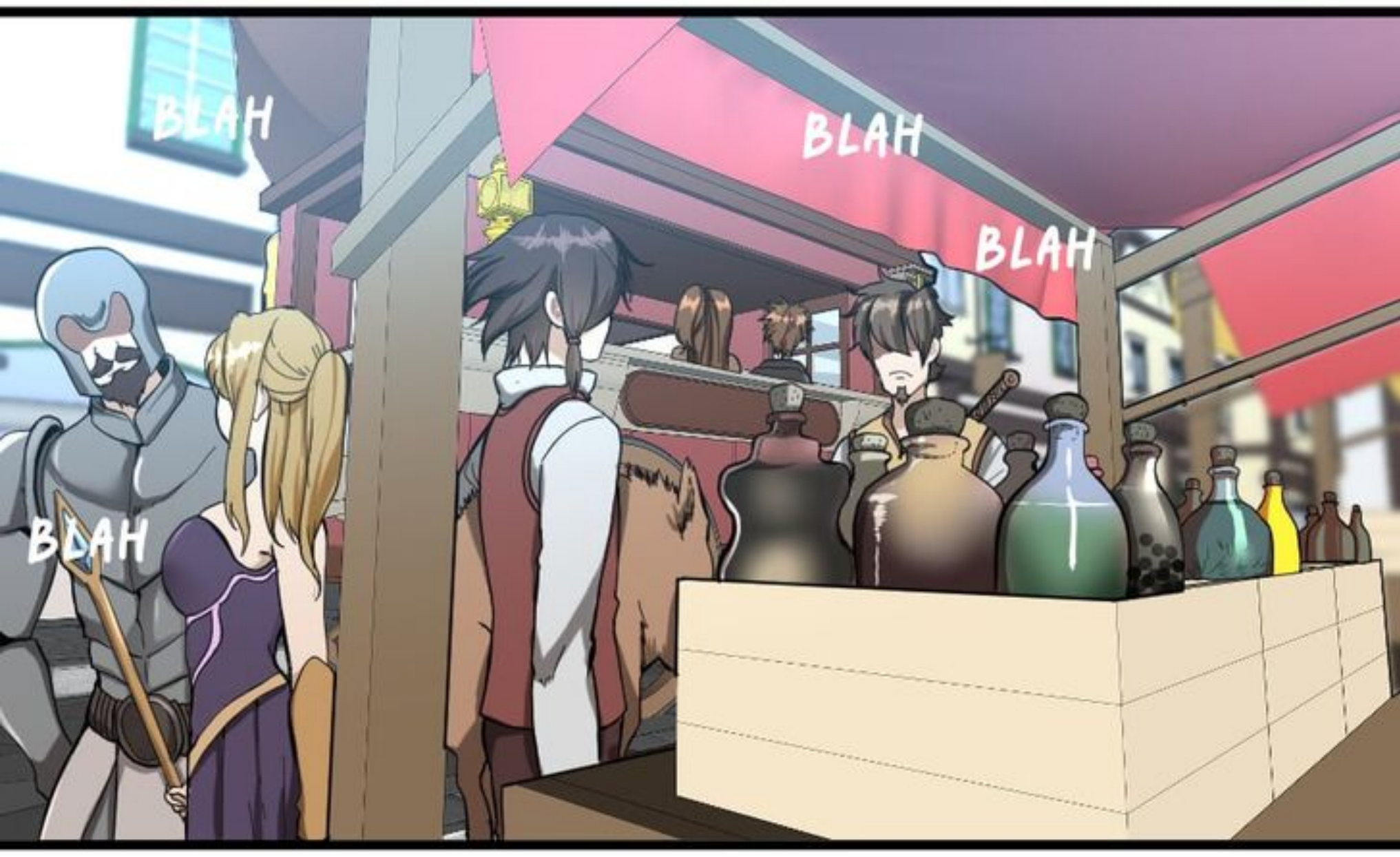
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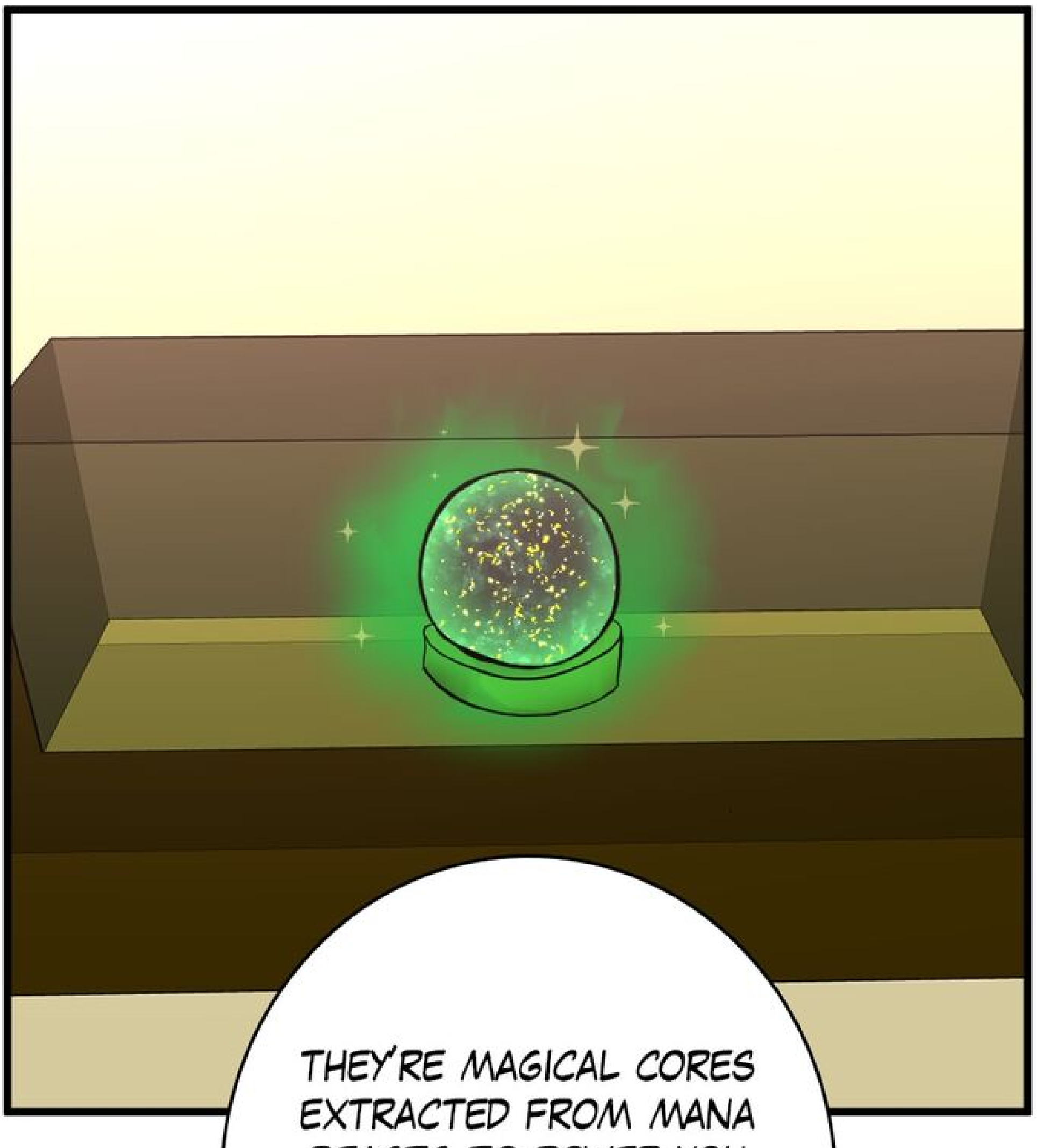
SO THIS IS XYRUS CITY!

THOSE SMALL ORBS YOU SEE ARE CALLED ***BEAST CORES.***



THEY'RE MAGICAL CORES EXTRACTED FROM MANA BEASTS TO POWER YOU UP, ALTHOUGH THE EFFECTS BETWEEN CORES CAN VARY VASTLY.

A BIT OF A GAMBLE TO SPEND HUNDREDS OF GOLD ON

BUT IF YOU'RE LUCKY, ONE MIGHT EV EN CONTAIN A

EN CONTAIN A
BEAST WILL.

HUNDREDS OF
GOLD!?

IF NOT THOUSANDS.

I'M GOOD WITH MY BEAST WILL, THANKS.

OUR HELSTEA AUCTION HOUSE RECEIVES QUITE A BIT OF BEAST CORES AND EVEN INFANT MANA BEASTS.

YOU'RE WELCOME TO TAKE A CLOSER LOOK AT THOSE WHEN YOU GET THE CHANCE.

I'D APPRECIATE THAT. THANK YOU!

COME ON. THERE WAS A PLACE I WANTED TO TAKE YOU AS SOON AS I SAW YOU.

SNIP
SNIP

I-IS THIS NECESSARY?

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ARTHUR, DEAR?

YOUR HAIR IS ATROCIOUS.

DON'T WORRY, MA'AM. I'LL MAKE YOUR SON SHINE~

LIKE THE FLAWLESS GEM HE IS~

ARTHUR LEYWIN

INTERNAL SCREAMING

IN TERNET SCREAMING

I FEEL RIDICULOUS.

YOU LOOK PERFECT, HONEY.

GOOD ENOUGH
TO BE ELLIE'S BRUHDER
NOW.

ELLIE'S RIGHT.
YOU FINALLY LOOK LIKE
A CIVILIZED MAN.

HA

HA

HA

HA

THEY'RE STUDENTS OF XYRUS ACADEMY.

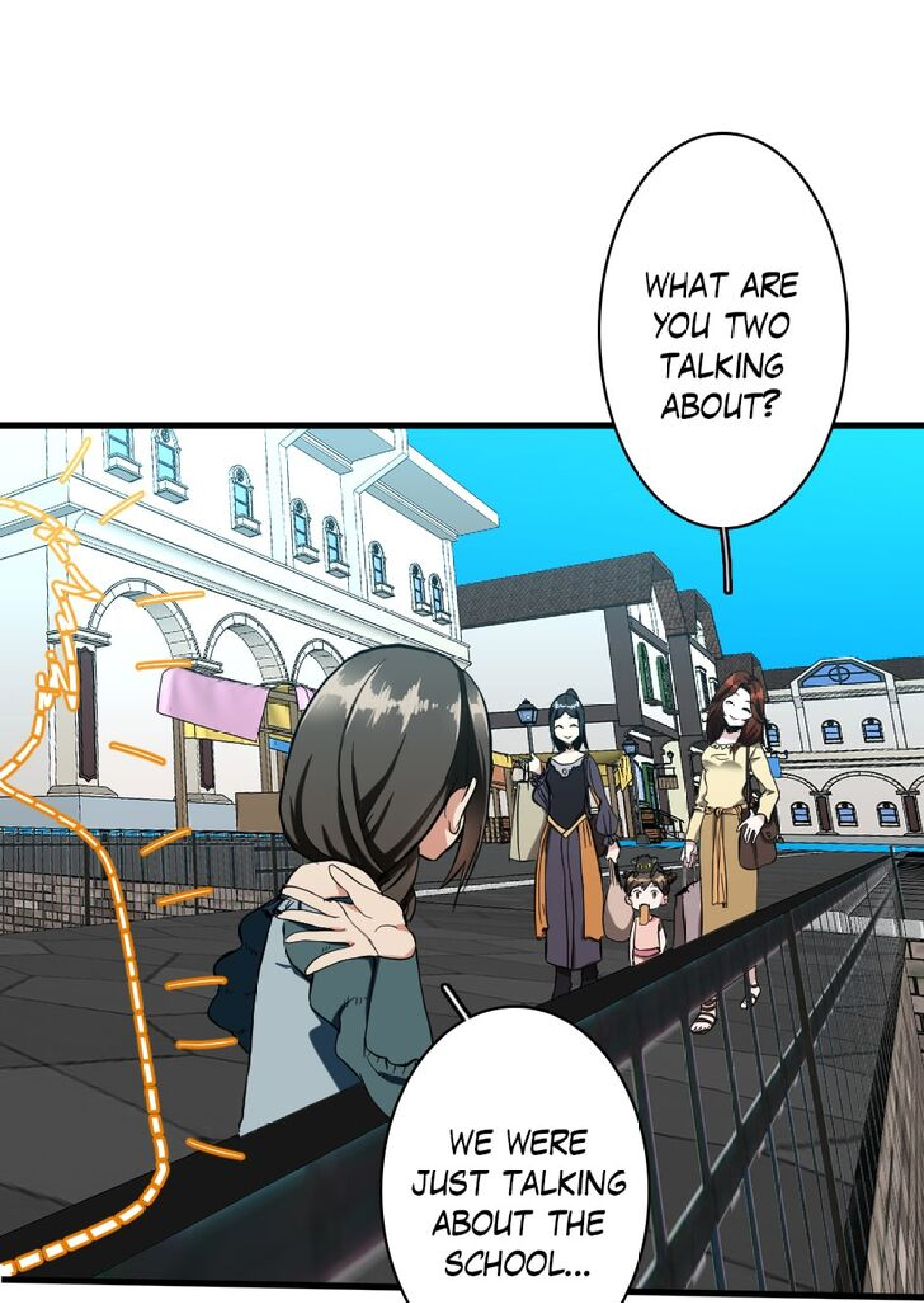
HUH? OH, I WASN'T REALLY...

IT'S SORT OF A STATUS SYMBOL TO BE ABLE TO WEAR THAT UNIFORM.

THEY LOOK LIKE JERKS TO ME.

A LOT OF THEM ARE.

THEY ARE ALMOST CONSIDERED ROYALTY AROUND HERE THOUGH.

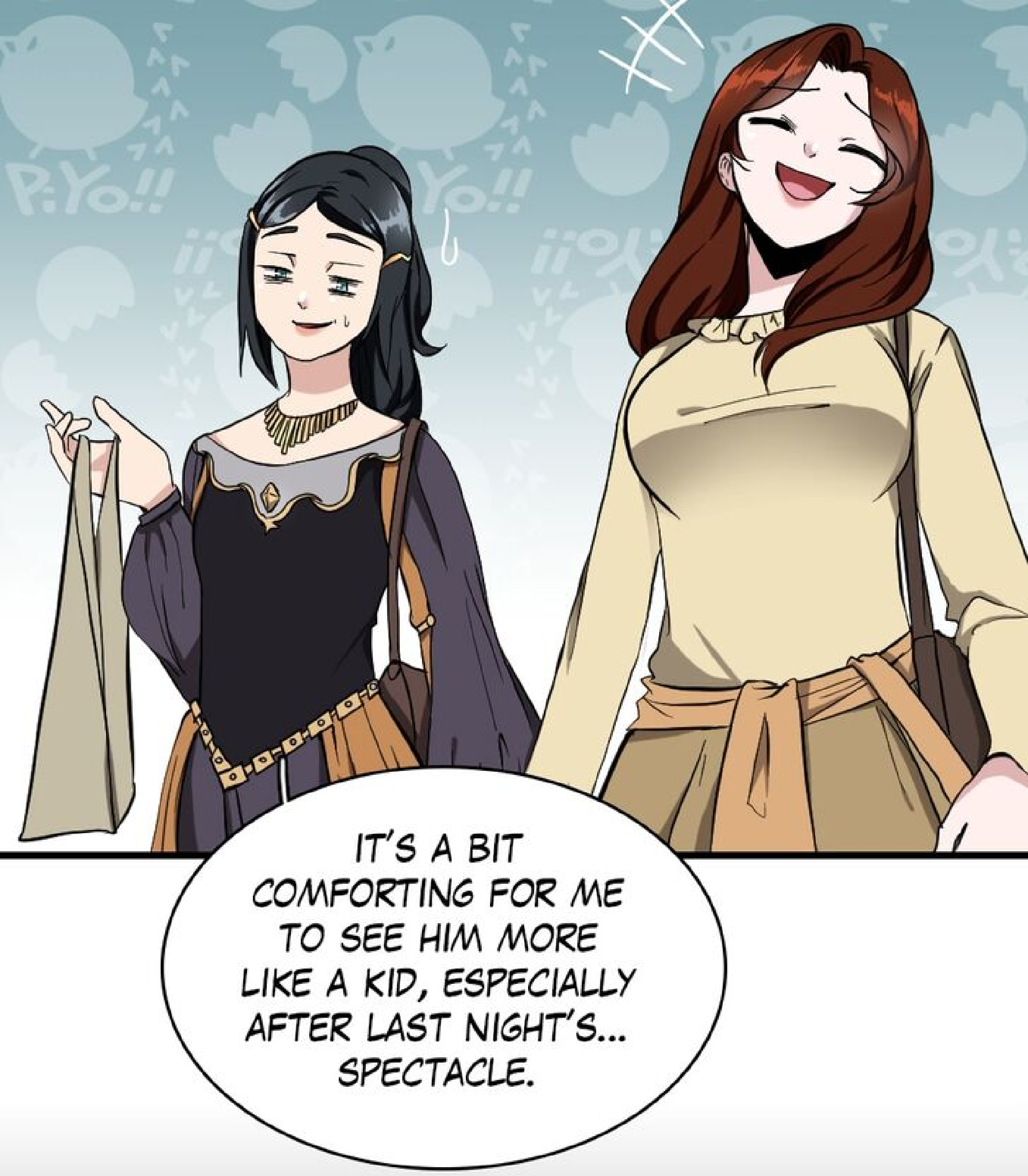

WHAT ARE YOU TWO TALKING ABOUT?
WE WERE JUST TALKING ABOUT THE SCHOOL...

HUH?
WHERE--?

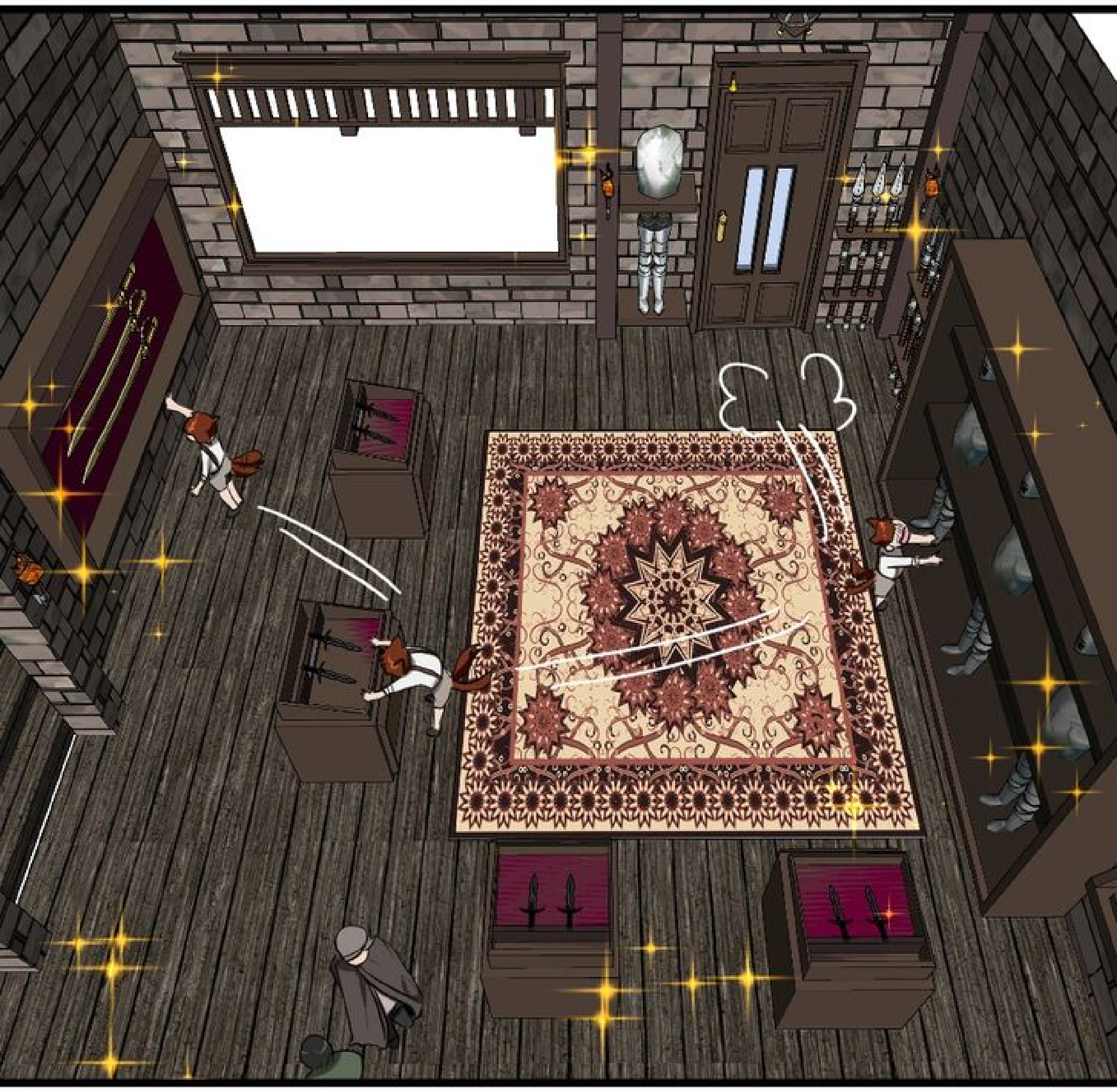
WOOF! WOOF!

HE'S LIKE A PUPPY.

HE'S USUALLY SO CALM AND MATURE, IT'S REFRESHING TO SEE HIM SO EXCITED LIKE THIS.


IT'S A BIT COMFORTING FOR ME TO SEE HIM MORE LIKE A KID, ESPECIALLY AFTER LAST NIGHT'S... SPECTACLE.

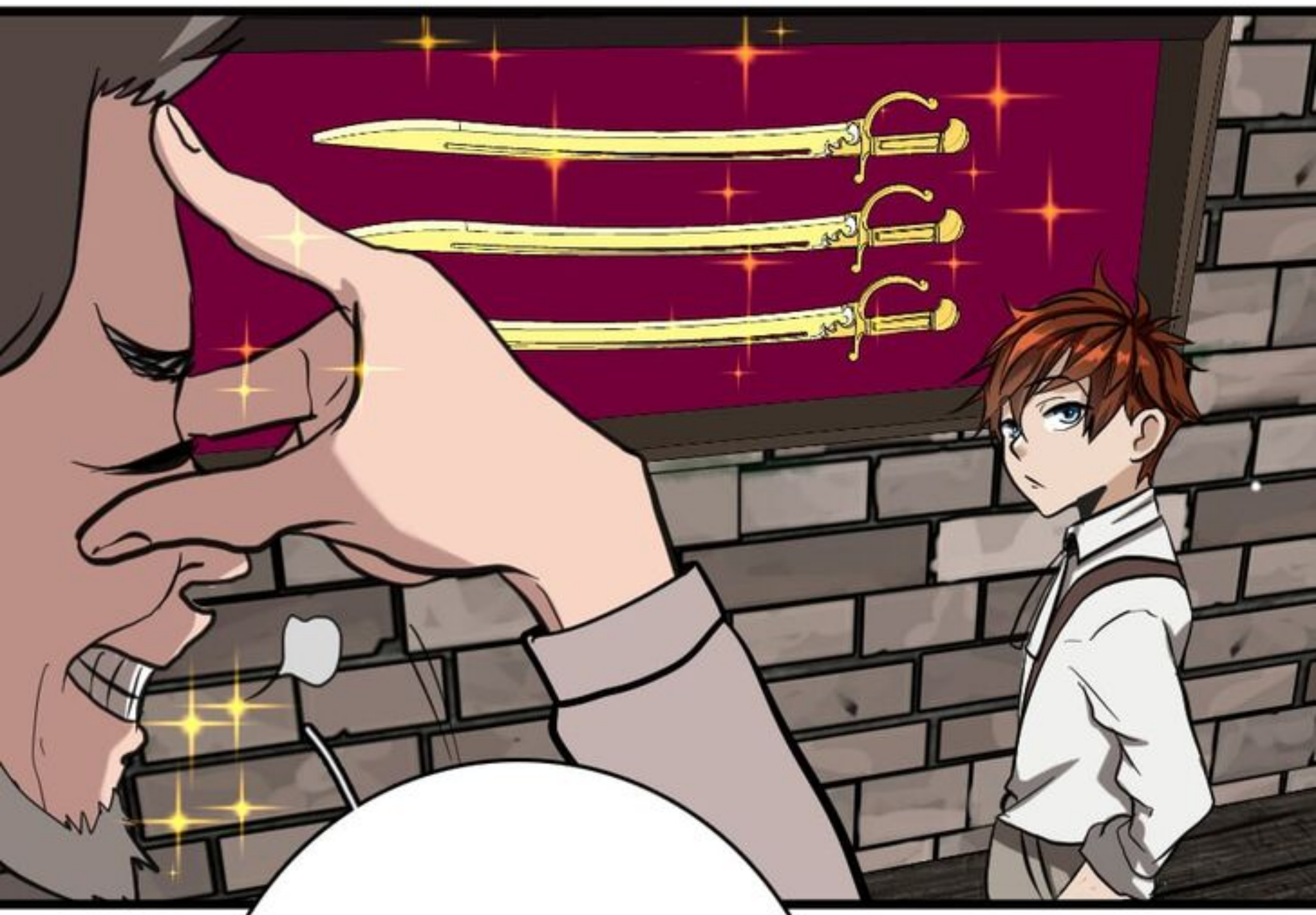
DING
DING



CAN I HELP YOU?

THIS IS NOT A PLACE FOR KIDS, YOUNG MAN. PLEASE LEAVE WHILE I'M ASKING NICELY.

THAT THING YOU'RE LOOKING AT IS A DANGEROUS WEAPON. DO YOU UNDERSTAND WHAT THAT MEANS?


THIS ISN'T LIKE THE TOY SWORDS YOU HAVE AT HOME, BRAT.

THERE'S A CANDY STORE JUST OUTSIDE THE---
THWACK!

I'M WELL AWARE OF WHAT A SWORD IS. MY APOLOGIES FOR GETTING IN THE WAY.

HOLD IT, BRAT!

WHAT HOUSE RAISED SUCH A RUDE--

GET YOUR HAND OFF MY SON!

WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING?

MY NAME IS IGASTUS FROM HOUSE...

HUH?!

H-HELSTEA?!

IGASTUS?
YOU'RE FROM THE BRANCH FAMILY OF HOUSE RAVENPOR. WOULD YOU LIKE ME TO REVOKE YOU AND YOUR FAMILY'S PARTICIPATION IN THE HELSTEA AUCTION HOUSE?

PLEASE!

I-I HAD NO IDEA THIS BR--CHILD WAS WITH THE HELSTEA HOUSE! MY SINCEREST APOLOGIES!

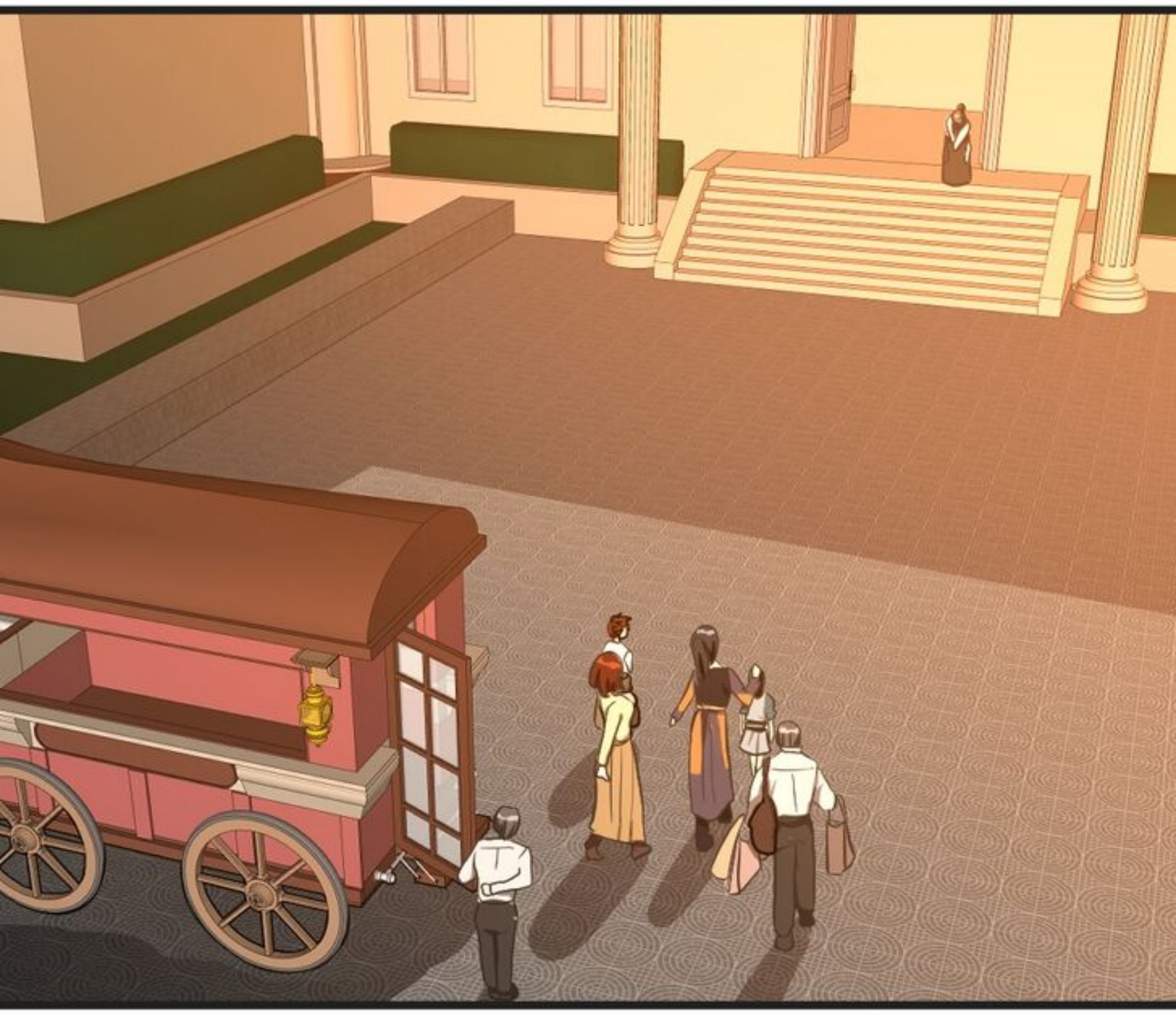
THANK YOU FOR GETTING ME OUT THAT SITUATION.

TRUTH BE TOLD, I WAS MORE AFRAID OF WHAT YOU'D DO TO THAT MAN.

WELL-

?!

KUUH!



AH! YOU GUYS ARE FINALLY

ARE FINALLY HERE!

ARTHUR! THIS WAY! THERE'S SOMEONE I'D LIKE YOU TO MEET!

YOU MUST BE ARTHUR. VINCENT HAS TOLD ME MUCH ABOUT YOU.

MY NAME IS *CYNTHIA GOODSKY*. I AM THE FOUNDER AND DIRECTOR OF XYRUS ACADEMY.

KEEP UP WITH US CREATORS ON INSTAGRAM!

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